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In re U.S. Patent Application of)

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND VIRTUAL)
PRIVATE VOLUME CONTROL METHOD)

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Sir:

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Total Claims	21	26	6 (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	7	7	4 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Substitute Specification

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Other _____

[x] Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson (sheets)

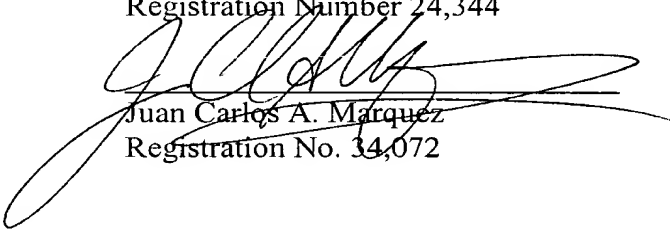
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